

**County of Riverside Continuum of
Care Board of Governance**

Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**The City of Banning Council Chambers
99 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, CA 92220**



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Dr. Matthew Chang, Chairperson

Leticia De Lara, Vice-chair

1.0 Call to Order: Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair

1.1 Roll Call

Joshua Tomaszewski, HWS CoC

2.0 Consent Items

Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair

2.1 Minutes Approval for May 15th, 2023, Board of Governance Meeting

Recommended Motion – Approve the May 15th, 2023, Board of Governance Meeting minutes.

3.0 Public Comment on Any Item Not Listed on Agenda: Members of the public are encouraged to address the Board on any item not listed on the agenda. Each public comment request email will be read aloud.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3 Capital Project Recommendations

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

No Action Needed

Background: On January 31, 2023, the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) entered a standard agreement with the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) to receive \$3,365,759.90 in HHAP Round 3 funding. The Board of Governance (BoG) approved the allocation of \$1,000,000 in HHAP Round 3 for the development/acquisition/rehabilitation towards affordable housing or permanent supportive housing (capital) projects targeting homeless individuals. On April 24, 2023, the CoC released a Request For Proposal (RFP) for developers to apply for the \$1,000,000 for capital projects from HHAP Round 3, in addition to a remaining \$218,434.30 for capital projects from HHAP Round 2. One project proposal was received requesting the full amount of \$1,218,434.30 and an independent review panel finalized scoring and evaluation on 6/29/2023. Since the submission and evaluation of the sole proposal, CoC staff was notified that the project has encountered a delay in project readiness relating to the control of the building site. CoC staff has decided to postpone the recommendation to award the applicant until the applicant can confirm that the project will be able to expend all funding before the HHAP Round 3 expenditure deadline of June 30, 2026.

4.2 Reallocation of Funding from Transgender Health and Wellness DV Bonus Rapid Rehousing Project

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

Action Needed

Background: On March 14, 2022, the Riverside County Continuum of Care received an award of \$2,084,563 to support the County of Riverside DV Bonus Project from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. Of this amount, \$416,913 was awarded to Transgender Health and Wellness (THW) for the period of performance from August 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. HWS staff meets with THW each month to provide technical assistance and monitor project performance and has determined that approximately \$185,000 is projected to remain unspent by the end of the performance period of December 31st, 2023. HWS Staff is recommending reallocating these funds to His Daughters House (HDH) to administer rental assistance to the targeted population and avoid returning unspent funds to HUD. HDH has experience operating HUD CoC Programs, and specifically, DV funds, and has demonstrated capacity to absorb these funds.

Recommended Motion: Approve the reallocation of \$185,000 in DV Bonus Rapid Rehousing Project funds to His Daughters House for the remaining term of this project ending December 31, 2023.

4.3 Allocate Funding from California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

Action Needed

Background: The Riverside County Continuum of Care received two rounds of funding from the state's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to administer the California Emergency Solutions

and Housing Program (CESH): Round 1 - \$1,344,336 and Round 2 - \$747,716. HWS staff have identified a total of \$71,778.69 in savings that need to be redirected towards homeless assistance activities and fully spent by May 6, 2024. Staff is recommending that the funds be allocated to support existing CESH rapid rehousing projects administered by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM). Both agencies have spent 100% of their funding and moving forward with this recommendation will ensure rental assistance dollars remain available to residents in the region.

Recommended Motion: Approve the reallocation of \$34,393.59 from CESH I to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and \$37,385.10 from CESH II to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) for the period of performance from September 1st, 2023, through May 6, 2024.

4.4 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Program Funding Recommendations

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

Action Needed

Background: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has made available \$13,824,093 in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) funding to the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) through its Fiscal Year 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This includes \$1,044,137 in CoC Bonus and \$1,491,624 in Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus funding to support new projects. The CoC released a local Request for Proposals on August 3rd, 2023, providing applicants through August 21st, 2023, to submit all renewal and new applications. 25 applications were received: 19 to support existing and renewal projects and (3) CoC and (2) DV New Bonus applications. The CoC’s Independent Review Panel (IRP) met on Wednesday, August 31st to review final scores for new projects and the ranking and tiering of CoC renewal and new bonus applications.

2023 HUD-CoC Program Competition - Summary Scoresheet							
#	Agency	Project Name	Grant Amount	Project Status	Project Type	# of Units	# of Beds
Tier 1							
1	County of Riverside HWS	CA0672 HMIS Consolidated	\$344,072	Renewal	HMIS	N/A	N/A
2	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA1449 RUHS CES-SSO-CE	\$1,150,000	Renewal	CES	N/A	N/A
3	City of Riverside	CA2052 CoR RRH	\$208,762	Renewal	RRH	10	10
4	County of Riverside HWS Subcontractors: - LightHouse (LHSSC) and - Transgender (THWC)	CA2055 County of Riverside DV Bonus RRH	\$2,084,563	Renewal	RRH	100	120
5	LightHouse Social Service Centers	CA2049 LHSCC PSH Older Adults Program	\$371,258	Renewal	PSH	15	18
6	Mercy House	CA2050 Mercy House	\$64,099	Renewal	PSH	24	29

7	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA2054 RUHS - BH Housing and Health Care PSH	\$135,392	Renewal	PSH	4	4
8	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA2053 RUHS-BH PSH	\$830,423	Renewal	PSH	43	43
9	Valley Restart Shelter	CA2051 VRS RRH	\$433,030	Renewal	RRH	10	30
10	City of Riverside	CA2182 New RRH	\$467,460	Renewal	RRH	32	45
11	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	CA0670 JFSSD PSH	\$2,017,571	Renewal	PSH	73	93
12	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	CA1900 JFSSD Desert Rose PSH	\$1,169,646	Renewal	PSH	42	55
13	LightHouse Social Service Centers	CA0665 LHSSC PH Disabled Women with Children	\$290,622	Renewal	PSH	12	36
14	City of Riverside	CA0936 CoR PSH-SS for Disabled	\$148,023	Renewal	PSH	9	12
15	LightHouse Social Service Centers	CA1367 LHSCC RRH for Families	\$309,006	Renewal	RRH	12	40
16	City of Riverside	CA1055 CoR PSH-SS CH	\$147,954	Renewal	PSH	8	8
17	Path Of Life Ministries	CA1364 POLM PSH	\$1,574,754	Renewal	PSH	80	92
18	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA0935 RUHS-BH-PSH-SS (Total: \$1,672,596 btw Tier 1 & 2)	\$1,109,771	Renewal	PSH	98	185
Tier 2							
18	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA0935 RUHS-BH-PSH-SS (Total: \$1,672,596 btw Tier 1 & 2)	\$562,825	Renewal	PSH	98	185
19	LightHouse Social Service Centers	CA1708 LHSCC Riverside PSH Health & Housing	\$404,862	Renewal	PSH	22	29
20	SAFE Family Justice Centers	NEW DV Bonus 2023 SAFE FJC DV RRH	\$695,551	New	RRH	10	26
21	His Daughters House	NEW DV Bonus 2023 HDH DV TH-RRH	\$796,073	New	TH-RRH	26	75
22	Lutheran Social Services of Southern California	NEW CoC Bonus 2023 Lutheran (LSSSC) RRH	\$615,698	New	RRH	25	53
23	Illumination Foundation	NEW CoC Bonus 2023 IF PSH RS2H	\$428,439	New	PSH	20	25
Not Ranked							
County of Riverside HWS		2023 Riverside County Planning	\$745,812	New	Planning	N/A	N/A

Recommended Motion: Approve the ranking and tiering recommendations for the CoC Renewal, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus project applications to be included in Riverside County’s HUD CoC Competition application.

4.5 Continuum of Care Impact Report

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

No Action Needed

Background: HWS staff is collaborating closely with the County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) to evaluate and measure the effectiveness of its homeless delivery system. In the last fiscal year spanning from July 1, 2022, to June 30th, 2023, the CoC aided 17,260 unduplicated individuals, which reflects a 26% rise in the number of people assisted compared to the previous fiscal year. Remarkably, a total of 5,186 were linked to permanent housing, significantly exceeding the number of placements into housing from the previous year.

The benchmarks below are from our 5-year Homeless Action Plan:

Goal 1	Number of people successfully exiting to housing each month/year exceeds the people entering homelessness each year.	5,186 individuals placed into housing/4,226 individuals entered homelessness
Goal 2	50% reduction in the length of stay for people experiencing homelessness.	3% reduction
Goal 3	75% reduction in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness discharged from institutions or re-entering from the homeless response system.	42% reduction
Goal 4	25% increase in the number of crisis housing beds in the system, geographically distributed.	*400 new shelter beds are in the pipeline. This will allow us to exceed our goal by 25%.
Goal 5	Increase the number of permanent housing units by 75% from baseline year.	27% increase
Goal 6	75% reduction in the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time.	3% decrease

Although further investments are necessary to meet each benchmark and ultimately achieve our goal of reducing homelessness to a rare, brief, and non-reoccurring incidence, the current outcomes highlight significant progress and acknowledge the effectiveness of our well-functioning care system.

5.0 Announcements

6.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

7.0 Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be held on October 19th, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM.

8.0 Adjournment